

In the Drawings

Replace sheet 1 of the original drawings with the replacement sheet 1 appended hereto.

REMARKS

By the present Amendment, claims 1-16 are cancelled and claims 17-35 are added. This leaves claims 17-35 pending in the application, with claims 17, 27 and 31 being independent.

Substitute Specification

The specification is revised to eliminate grammatical and idiomatic errors in the originally presented specification. The number and nature of the changes made in the specification would render it difficult to consider the case and to arrange the papers for printing or copying. Thus, the substitute specification will facilitate processing of the application. The substitute specification includes no “new matter”. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 608.01(q), voluntarily filed, substitute specifications under these circumstances should normally be accepted. A marked-up copy of the original specification is appended hereto.

Drawing Objection

A new Figure 1 is submitted with names in boxes 8 and 9, as required in the Office Action.

Claim Objections

The originally filed claims are objected to as reciting various limitations lacking adequate antecedent basis, as being indefinite for containing the word “preferably”, as failing to recite plural groups and as failing to include “of” in a particular location. These objections are obviated by the newly submitted claims that provide proper antecedent basis for all terminology, omit “preferably” and recite plural groups. The word “of” does not appear to be needed in the newly presented claims.

No reference characters are included in the newly submitted claims such that parentheses are not needed therein.

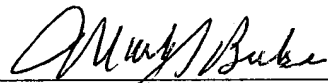
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Applicants note with appreciation that indication the claims recite patentable subject matter. Thus, the record will not be burdened with a discussion of the claims and the prior art.

Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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